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NATIONAL NUTRITION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the new policy/programme formulated by Food and Nutrition Board for the expansion of National Nutrition Programme and fortification of food for children;

(b) whether the allocation for Anganwadis have been increased as a result of increase in food grains and pulses in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The Food and Nutrition Board has not formulated any such new policy/programme. The Food and Nutrition Board is primarily engaged in Nutrition Education, Training and Advocacy, Mass Awareness Campaigns on Nutrition, Promotion of optimal Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices and carrying out the directives of the National Nutrition Policy adopted by the Government in 1993.

(b)&(c) Increase in food grains and pulses in the country is not linked to allocation for anganwadis. However, the Government has recently revised the financial norms for supplementary nutrition from Re.1.00 to Rs.2.00 per beneficiary per day under ICDS Scheme.